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Epicures in the United States, who

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A lecture by that brilliant craftsman and poet, William Morris, was not always a season of rare enjoyment. Sometimes, according to Mor-ris' recent biographer, Mr. Compton-

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"People, I think, would be a whole lot better off if they are less meat. I used to think that meat was a necesalty, but I don't any more. Why, could get along on about a pound of beefsteak a week. I think it's all ridiculous nonsenne, paying such avful prices for meat,"

"Isn't it fierce the way some girls and women want to deck themselves out in furs? They look positively bar barous with the heads of animals hanging on all over them. Wearing of fur is a relic of barbarism anyway, so I think. A good warm cloth coat is plenty good enough for me, and always will be."

"I can't for the life of me see why married people get so worried every year over the price of coal. Coal is going up all the time, I know; but people always get a lot more of it than they really need. Nearly every house you go into is overheated, and the people suffer in consequence. If I were housekeeping I'd buy just as little coal as possible, and then use it sparingly, so that the folks in the house with me would have some chance of keeping healthy."--- Brook-

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"Ye gods! Well, I'll give you one

nore chance. I'd like to see the end of this. Have you any sugar?" "Not a grain, sir. Sorry, sir." The apoplectic little man sat down on a stool and let his list flutter to

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